

Indicator RECOMMENDED	Current Use of Alcohol by Persons Aged 18 and Older
<b>Justification</b>	Approximately 100,000 deaths each year in the U.S. are attributed to alcohol misuse.
<b>Definition</b>	Percent of persons aged 18 and older reporting any use of alcohol within the past 30 days
<b>Data Source</b>	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
<b>Frequency</b>	Annual
<b>Geographic Levels</b>	National and State
<b>Demographic Categories</b>	Age, Gender, and Race/Ethnicity
<b>Strengths</b>	BRFSS provides prevalence estimates of adult use for every state. State-level estimates are typically based on larger samples than the National Survey on Drug Use and Health and may be further broken down by age, gender, and race/ethnicity.
<b>Limitations</b>	BRFSS is a telephone survey subject to potential bias due to self-report, non-coverage (households without phones), and non-response (refusal/no answer). Estimates for subgroups may have relatively low precision (i.e., large confidence intervals).